

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL MILLBECK on
WEDNESDAY 26 January 2011 at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT : Mr J Wilson (in the Chair) Mrs J Boniface Mrs B Bulman Mrs E Helme Mr T Gibbs Mr D Roberts Mr J Wood
In attendance : Clerk. Dr T Donaldson

2011.01 **Apologies** None required

2011.02 **Minutes** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 November 2010 were approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

2011.03 **Declarations of Interest** The Chairman asked Members to disclose any interest they might have in any item on the Agenda. Councillor Wilson declared that he had a personal although not a prejudicial interest relating to the discussion which would take place regarding a planning application for Osprey Cottage (Agenda item 6). The interest was in the nature of a long-standing friendship and previous though now discontinued business relationship with the owner of that property.

2011.04 **Opportunity for Public Participation** Dr Donaldson asked for a progress report on the refurbishment of the Noticeboard outside the Village Hall. The Clerk confirmed that the wording of the Notice was under discussion.

2011.05 **Finances**

(i) The balances at the Bank were noted as :

Current Account No 50829528 £ 2289.35

Deposit Account No 51070916 £1315.66

A cheque for £17 had not yet been presented.

(ii) Cheques were authorised to be signed :

Clerk for printer cartridge £17.95

(iii) Approval confirmed for payment of Website expenses £18

(iv) In response to a request from Air Ambulance for a donation, it was agreed to defer this until the next financial year as the budget for this item would otherwise be exceeded

2011.06 **Lake District National Park Authority**

Application Osprey Cottage Underskiddaw CA12 4QD 7/2010/2324 Single storey extension for dining room and bedroom above. It was unanimously agreed to support this application.

Approvals

7/2010/2217 Ben y Craig Extension. Unconditional approval. Since the Parish council had objected reasons were given : Policy NE1 applied, and Policy CS11. Clerk to inquire when NE1 ceased to have effect, and when CS11 become effective.

7/2010/2231 Cherry Bank Horse Arena on conditions relating to landscaping & materials

7/2010/2244 Oakbank on conditions relating to materials and style

7/2010/2099 Underscar Manor Conservatory on conditions re materials and design

Appeals

Underscar Manor 7/2010/2264 (garage and entrance gates) & **2265** (garden pavilion) – appeals against non-determination within prescribed period. It was decided to send a written comment to the effect that delay was reasonable in view of

the complexity of the history of this site, and the current developments taking place.

Ongoing

7/2009/2066 Crosthwaite Meadow The date for appeal set out in the Enforcement Notices had passed but owing to two different dates for the time limit having been stated to the appellant the Planners had thought it wise to serve a new set of notices with no ambiguities. The time limit in these would be 22 February 2011.

Letter of complaint further amendments to this were agreed in the light of information received about the position at Underscar Manor, and the letter would be addressed to the Chief Planner, and copied under separate cover to the Chairman of the NPA, the Chairman of the Development Committee, and the Chief Executive of the NPA.

Sewage Works Following the site meeting with United Utilities the latter had withdrawn the planning application to develop facilities close to Sewage Cottage, and was proposing to re-site them further away in a manner which if carried out as promised would be acceptable to the owner of the cottage.

Planning Contacts Parish Council had been advised that new Planning Officers for this area would be Kevin Richards assisted by Andrew Smith with Julie Birkett on the Compliance side.

Governance NPA was consulting on this – how many members should there be and how should the board of members be constituted. Agreed the response should be that

there should be fewer County Council members, fewer national Appointees, and 6 Parish Council members (instead of 4). It should be ensured that each District within the Park should have a parish member, and that four parish members representing all the Districts should be appointed to the Development Committee. This is particularly necessary because Parish councilors are no longer allowed to offer opinions at site meeting so a valuable source of local opinion is lost.

2011.07

Allerdale Borough Council

The draft Council Plan was noted. Further information to be sought and discussed about Localism proposals.

2011.08

Cumbria County Council

Consultation on priorities and budget options. Response to be to recommend getting rid of administrators and managers in preference to front line staff.

Consultation on Waste Management. Councillor Wood had studied this. Both the County and District Councils had agreed to continue to discuss this, but they were doing this without commitment to any proposals at this stage. It was clear that a large proportion of the income of West Cumbria was derived from the nuclear industry, and therefore proposals should not be rejected out of hand, as in reality the area could not afford not to consider this.

Gritting The Highways Department had been helpful and the grit supplied had kept the villages able to move around. Some grit had been left around and needed to be gathered up to prevent damage to vegetation. Grit bins could be bought for about £170, and consideration would be given to the purchase of up to 5 of these, depending on how many Highways were able to supply. Inquiries to be made to see if they could be filled up as soon as purchased to prevent them being either stolen, or needing to be stored empty in a safe place.

- 2011.09** **Cumbria Association of Local Councils**
Guidance from NALC on the Localism Bill was noted, but it was not clear to what extent the new planning provisions would apply in National Parks. Further Guidance would be required.
- Clerks Direct There was an interesting article on Data Protection which the Clerk would look into further.
- There was a training session on networking technology which the Clerk would try to attend, as this might be relevant to Data Protection and to Neighbourhood Watch and emergency planning.
- 2011.10** **Derwent 7** There had been no meetings since the last Parish Council Meeting.
- 2011.11** **Website** Posting of Minutes of Council meetings were nearly up-to date and when complete Planning Committee Minutes would also be uploaded.
- 2011.12** **Neighbourhood Watch**
Both the current signatories of the NW Bank Account were in agreement that the balance in this account should be transferred to the Parish Council, and the account closed. Neighbourhood Watch money would be identified separately in the Parish accounting records. Further progress needed to be made in setting up contact circles.
- 2011.13** **Emergency Plan** Two parish residents had agreed to be co-ordinators on the ground for this, and Jim Wilson and David Roberts agreed to meet to progress the work.
- 2011.14** **Future Meeting Dates** Wednesday 23 March 2011 at 7.30pm; Wednesday 25 May 2011 (AGM) at 7.30pm; Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 6 April at 7.30 pm.

In its deliberations the Council took into consideration the provisions of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Freedom of Information Act 2000, and Equality and Inclusiveness legislation.